

VISA APPLICATION FOR STANDARD VISITORS

This is information for people who are coming to the UK as tourists or visiting friends or family who are not permanent residents in the UK.

You can also use this visa if you are coming back to Aberdeen just to attend your Graduation Ceremony and your Tier 4 visa is no longer valid.

HOW TO APPLY

You must be outside the UK and apply for the visa online (unless you are in Cuba or North Korea). You can access the online form by going to the following web page www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa
You can apply for a visa up to 3 months before your intended date of travel to the UK.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SENT BY STUDENT TO PERSON APPLYING FOR VISA

Copy of the personal details page of your passport
Copy of your current visa – either the visa sticker in your passport or your Biometric Residence Permit
Invitation letter from you explaining purpose of visit (for example – Graduation Ceremony)
Financial evidence (if you are supporting the visit, your last 6 months bank statements)
Proof of accommodation (if the person will be staying with you)
Letter from University

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY PERSON APPLYING

Current passport or travel document
Passport size colour photograph (as specified in the guidance)
Financial evidence (bank statements or payslips for the last 6 months)
Travel itinerary
Proof of hotel reservation (if not staying with you)
Evidence of intention to leave the UK at the end of the visit
(for example, letter from employer, house ownership, family staying at home)
Documents sent by you (as listed above)

Further information can be found at:

www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/423699/2015_04_20_Visitor_Supporting_Documents_Guide_-_Final_2_-_CLEAN.pdf

LETTER FROM THE UNIVERSITY

The University cannot provide an invitation letter for your guests, but you can get a letter either to prove that you are a registered student or that you have applied to graduate in person.

Letters can be ordered from the online store – www.store.abdn.ac.uk Go to **Product Catalogue** then **Students** then **Letter Requests**. You will find a choice of letters so you need to select the one which is most appropriate for the visa application.

CONDITIONS OF STANDARD VISITOR VISA

- Standard Visitor visas are issued for a maximum stay of **6 months**
- You cannot take either paid or unpaid work
- You cannot apply to extend your stay from within the UK
- You cannot switch into another immigration category from within the UK

Further information can be found at: www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa